

## 1 ABSTRACT

2 This invention provides a method and apparatus to eliminate the theft of various types of  
3 electronic equipment through the use of an existing telephonic connection. The method includes  
4 steps of determining an apparent theft, contacting a local police or security authority and  
5 providing a means of discovering the location of the stolen equipment. The method further  
6 allows the apparatus to eliminate the need for excessive hardware components by utilizing pre-  
7 existing infrastructure. In utilizing pre-existing infrastructure, the invention allows operation in a  
8 plurality of locations through its stand-alone capabilities and location identification capabilities.

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